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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM - TQ

REF: STATE 166703

1. POST NOMINATES LAWYER/ECONOMIST ULF KIHLMBERG FOR ADDITIONAL TQ GRANT. NOMINEE IS CURRENTLY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE 10,000-MEMBER FARMERS' COOPERATIVE NEDRE NORRLANDS PRODUCENT-FORENING (NNP) BASED IN OSTERSUND IN NORTH-CENTRAL SWEDEN. NNP, THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN JAMTLAND PROVINCE, IS A NEW APPROACH TO FARMER COOPERATIVES, COMBINING AS IT DOES MANY FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY HANDLED BY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS; AMONG ITS OPERATIONS ARE A DAIRY, SLAUGHTERHOUSE, BAKERY, FOOD PROCESSING PLANT, FARM MACHINERY AND SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION OUTLET, AND A REINDEER SLAUGHTER/PROCESSING PLANT. KIHLMBERG HAS MADE THE ONCE FLOUNDERING ORGANIZATION INTO A FLOURISHING CONCERN. IN ADDITION TO THESE DUTIES, HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED MEMBER OF SEVERAL KEY COMMITTEES DEALING WITH ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL POLICIES FOR THE REGION. KIHLMBERG QUICKLY HAS BECOME KNOWN AS ONE OF THE BRIGHT AND OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF THE AREA, WITH GREAT POTENTIAL FOR NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. HIS RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONAL SKILL, WHICH HAS ENABLED HIM TO SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE TROUBLESHOOTER, ASSURES HIM OF CONTINUED LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN THE FUTURE. KIHLMBERG IS VERY INTERESTED IN VISITING THE U.S. IF APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A LIKELY ETA WOULD BE NOVEMBER 1976. NAME CHECK IS SATISFACTORY.

2. BIODATA FOLLOW:

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A) BORN AUGUST 2, 1936 IN GOTHENBURG;

B) MANAGING DIRECTOR (PERSIDENT) OF NNP SINCE 1973;  
C) SWEDISH CITIZEN;  
D) LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF LUND IN 1961;  
E) FORMERLY SERVED AS JUDGE 1961-65; LEGAL ADVISER, SWEDISH  
DAIRIES ASSOCIATION (SMR), 1965-68; VICE-MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
SMR, 1968-70; PRIVATE LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT,  
1970-71; REORGANIZATION OF FOOD COMPANY SEMPER, 1970-71;  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISER TO SWEDISH FARMERS ASSOCIATION,  
CREATED BY THE MERGER OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS, 1972-73;  
F) HAS NEVER VISITED THE U.S.; ENGLISH KNOWLEDGE VERY GOOD.

3. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT(S) APPROVAL. UPON CONFIRMATION,  
WE WILL SEND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND ETA.

4. WE ARE AWAITING THE GRANT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR  
INGELSTAM AND HELLSTROM.  
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